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Serial No.: 10/777,802                      Examiner: Hasan Syed Ahmed  
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Title: **LAYERED SILICATE NANOPARTICLES FOR CONTROLLED DELIVERY OF  
THERAPEUTIC AGENTS FROM MEDICAL ARTICLES**

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**NOTICE OF APPEAL AND PRE-APPEAL BRIEF REQUEST FOR REVIEW**

SIR:

Applicant hereby respectfully appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Primary Examiner dated April 1, 2010, finally rejecting the pending claims in this application. Applicant respectfully petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for a one-month extension of time.

Authorization is hereby provided to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1047 the Appeal Fee under 37 CFR 41.20(b)(1) (\$540) and the fee for a one-month extension of time under 37 CFR 1.17(a)(1) (\$130). It is further requested that the Commissioner charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account 50-1047.

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A Pre-Appeal Brief Request For Review is filed herewith.

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